

Docket No.: 050212-0191



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Toshiaki OKUNO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2297  
Application No.: 09/781,564 : Group Art Unit: 2638  
Filed: February 13, 2001 : Examiner: Dzung D. Tran  
For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND METHOD

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This supplemental Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on November 14, 2006, which corrected the section headings in the Examiner's Answer, as required in the Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner dated December 9, 2005.

Based upon the arguments submitted in the June 30, 2006 Appeal Brief and the Reply Brief submitted on August 15, 2005, Appellant submits that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are factually and legally erroneous. Appellant, therefore, solicits the Honorable Board to reverse the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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